

# Farms and Land in Farms

**UTAH:** The number of farms in Utah in 2001 was estimated at 15,000, down 500 from last year. Land in farms, estimated at 11.6 million acres, was unchanged from the previous year. The average size of farm, at 773 acres, increased 25 acres from 2000.

**UNITED STATES:** The number of farms and ranches in the United States in 2001 is estimated at 2.16 million, down 0.7 percent from 2000. The decline in farms and

ranches occurred primarily in agricultural operations with sales in the \$10,000-\$99,999 economic class. This is the second largest decline in farms and ranches since the 1.4 percent drop in 1991. Total land in farms, at 941.2 million acres, declined 0.2 percent or 1.9 million acres from last year. The average size of farm increased 2 acres from 434 acres in 2000 to 436 acres in 2001.

**Farm Numbers and Acreage: Utah and United States, 1994-2001 <sup>1</sup>**

| Year | Utah               |               |                    | United States      |               |                    |
|------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|
|      | Farms <sup>2</sup> | Land in Farms |                    | Farms <sup>2</sup> | Land in Farms |                    |
|      |                    | Average Size  | Total              |                    | Average Size  | Total              |
|      | <i>Number</i>      | <i>Acres</i>  | <i>1,000 Acres</i> | <i>Number</i>      | <i>Acres</i>  | <i>1,000 Acres</i> |
| 1994 | 14,500             | 772           | 11,200             | 2,197,690          | 440           | 965,935            |
| 1995 | 15,000             | 760           | 11,400             | 2,196,400          | 438           | 962,515            |
| 1996 | 15,000             | 760           | 11,400             | 2,190,500          | 438           | 958,675            |
| 1997 | 15,000             | 773           | 11,600             | 2,190,510          | 436           | 956,010            |
| 1998 | 15,000             | 773           | 11,600             | 2,191,360          | 435           | 953,500            |
| 1999 | 15,500             | 748           | 11,600             | 2,192,070          | 432           | 947,440            |
| 2000 | 15,500             | 748           | 11,600             | 2,172,080          | 434           | 943,090            |
| 2001 | 15,000             | 773           | 11,600             | 2,157,780          | 436           | 941,210            |

<sup>1</sup> A farm is defined as a place with annual sales of agricultural products of \$1,000 or more.

<sup>2</sup> Definition changed in 1995 to include operations with no sales but which have 5 or more horses not including operations that are either stables or racetracks only. All definition changes beginning in 1995 were carried back to 1993.

**Number of Farms and Land in Farms: Economic Sales Class, Utah, 1999-2001**

| Year | Number of Farms      |                   |                  |               | Land in Farms        |                    |                    |                    |
|------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|      | Economic Sales Class |                   |                  |               | Economic Sales Class |                    |                    |                    |
|      | \$1000-\$9,999       | \$10,000-\$99,999 | \$100,000 & Over | Total         | \$1,000-\$9,999      | \$10,000-\$99,999  | \$100,000 & Over   | Total              |
|      | <i>Number</i>        | <i>Number</i>     | <i>Number</i>    | <i>Number</i> | <i>1,000 acres</i>   | <i>1,000 acres</i> | <i>1,000 acres</i> | <i>1,000 acres</i> |
| 1999 | 9,000                | 5,000             | 1,500            | 15,500        | 1,100                | 2,800              | 7,700              | 11,600             |
| 2000 | 9,000                | 5,000             | 1,500            | 15,500        | 1,100                | 2,800              | 7,700              | 11,600             |
| 2001 | 8,500                | 5,000             | 1,500            | 15,000        | 1,100                | 2,500              | 8,000              | 11,600             |